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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We need all of the local competition possible to counteract the near monopoly that At&T and Verizon (the baby bells) have around the country. The government broke up the Bell monopoly many years ago, but it has slowly but surely reassembled over time. It is critical that all americans have access to reasonably priced high speed internet access.

We live in San Jose, Ca, the heart of Silicon Valley, and we have very limited choices, and almost no competition for A T & T. We use a company (Sonic) that offers service by using the AT&T infrastructure, but at lower prices and faster speeds than AT&T offers to customers. This is now being threatened, and we urge you to preserve local competition for the baby bells.

Please do everything possible to lower costs for consumers, and increase competition.

Thanks in advance for doing what is best for consumers, and not for near monopoly providers.

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